

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Thomas Kell House

AND/OR COMMON

Ralph Barnett House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1801 Old Joppa Road

CITY, TOWN

Joppa

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ralph O. Barnett

Telephone #: 879-7877

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1801 Old Joppa Road

CITY, TOWN

Joppa

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21085

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

NK-426

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a building in several sections and is directed southwards. The most imposing portion is a citadel-like uncoursed stone unit with quoined corners. It rises a full three stories on the south side, although the slope of the ground exposes only two stories on the opposite exposure. Changes in the stone work indicate that an original entrance could have been located on an upper wall of the structure on either side. Overall, this unit is three bays by two, with the western extreme having only two small 2 X 2 attic windows. A solitary door is stationed on the ground level of the southern side, and was probably the original entrance to a basement kitchen. The windows have stone lintels and are 6 X 6. A slate-shingled gable-flank covers the dwelling, trimmed with a box cornice. The flush-end brick chimneys jut from the extremes of the roof. Attached to the eastern side of this stone structure is a frame one of more recent vintage. It, too, is built into the slope and is a shorter two stories than is the other wing. The bays measure three by three and are odd-sized 6 X 6, with the exception of two sets of casements on the second floor of the southern aspect. An arched 6 X 6 sash is on the attic level of the eastern wall. There are two doors, one over the other, on the southern extreme. The lower entrance has a three-light transom and five-pane sidelights, while the upper portal is fronted by a small railed balcony. A third entrance is near the northeast corner, sheltered by a partially finished-over porch that forms a shed addition to the eastern end of the house. The northeastern part is still open and has stout stucco columns. A huge shed-roof porch of five bays, with simple square columns, fronts the entire length of both sections, a rather feeble emulation of Tara. The roof and trim of this section is of the same configuration as the other, and a tall brick chimney is on the interior of the roof. A third, shed-roofed section stretches the length of the frame section and about halfway across the stone house. It supposedly contained kitchen facilities at one time and is only one window deep and four across. The stuccoed stone foundation is quite high and has full length windows. The walls are covered with wood shingles, and a door and small porch shelter are located near the northwestern corner.

### The Outbuildings

There is a motley collection of structures around the dwelling. North of it are newer ones; a garage and chicken coop. Eastwards can be found a recent shop and root cellar. Directly north of the frame wing are the brick and stone ruins of a servants' quarters. South of the house is a stone spring-house facing to the north. It has a gable-front tin roof and doorways on both the cellar and first floor levels of the western side, where a rude wooden porch shelters all. Northeast of the dwelling are the barn and corn-crib. The barn is quite old, with vertical siding over pegged interior frames of hand-cut beams and logs. The tin roof is gable-flank and is trimmed with a sawtooth barge and crowned with a rectangular louvered cupola. The foundation is stone and protrudes fully from the northwestern side. Adjacent to this is a corncrib of similar construction, with a stone cellar and a gable-flank roof.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone and kitchen portions of this home could have been built prior to 1798, but although there was a dwelling on the property at that time, as well as several outbuildings, no other details are available as the Gunpowder Upper Hundred received a more cursory examination on the tax rolls than did other hundreds. The 1783 Tax List indicates Thomas Kell, the owner of this parcel of land, as owning 125 acres of Bond's Thought as well as 50 acres of William's Delight, while the 1798 Tax List shows Aliseanna Kell with 130 acres. Thomas Kell married Aliseanna Bond in 1767, and they had fifteen children! Thomas, Jr., born in 1772, was later a judge and clerk of court of Baltimore County, and was the first Harford Countian to serve as attorney general of the state. Kell's daughter would later marry Augustus Bradford, Maryland's Civil War governor, in 1835. The frame portion of this building was added in the Nineteenth Century, probably within the second half. Three of the outbuildings are significant for their age- the barn, the springhouse and the servant's quarters ruins. The farm had numerous owners in the 1800's, the 1878 Martenet Map showing the owner to be John Jewtt.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798  
 Harford County Land Records  
 Martenet's Map of 1878  
 Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.  
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 68.85

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located on the north side of Old Joppa Road, between Old Mountain and Jerusalem Roads. Actually, the property is closest to the angle formed by the intersection of Jerusalem and Old Joppa Roads, fronting the latter road.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

September 1, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
HDC	914	584	In 1972, Dorothy Barnett conveyed 68.85 acres to Ralph O. Barnett, Jr.
HDC	902	1055	Also in 1972, Dorothy Barnett mortgaged the property to the Federal Land Bank of Washington.
GCB	271	148	Ralph O. Barnett, Sr., purchased 68 acres from J. Edgar Gladden in 1942.
JAR	155	327	In 1917, Harry S. Pyle sold 71 acres to J. Edgar Gladden.
JAR	150	369	Harry S. Pyle purchased the property from James M. Bosley in 1916.
JAR	137	307	In 1911, James M. Bosley acquired the parcel from C. R. Howard.
ALJ	64	322	Milton Bosley purchased the tract from Sarah P. Coates in 1889.
ALJ	56	105	John Jewett conveyed 105 acres to Sarah P. Coates in 1886.
WHD	16	15	William Gent transferred 105 acres of Jerusalem to John Jewett in 1865.
WHD	15	464	Francis J. Wheeler sold the property to William Gent in 1864.
WHD	15	105	Henry A. Anthony, trustee for Joseph Cleveland, imparted the parcel to Francis J. Wheeler in 1864.
ALJ	9	160	Joseph S. Cleveland conveyed the property to Henry A. Anthony in 1857.
ALJ	6	333	Joseph S. Cleveland obtained the parcel from Edward M. Onion in 1855.
ALJ	4	400	Edward M. Onion purchased three acres from Harriett A. Reynolds in 1854.
ALJ	4	398,415	Hugh L. Bonds, trustee, conveyed land to Edward M. Onion in 1854.
HDG	36	286	John Carrington imparted the property to Harriett Reynolds in 1850.
HDG	33	131	Freeborn Garrettson sold the land to John Carrington in 1847.
HD	Y	310	In 1815, David Preston transferred the property to Freeborn Garrettson.
HD	S	319	In 1806, Thomas Bond Onion sold parts of Rebecca's Lot and Jerusalem to David Preston, totalling 144 1/4 acres and 44 perches

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
Will			
AJ	2	376	Thomas Kell left the property to his children in 1790.
JLG	I	163	In 1790, George Garrettsen sold 159 acres of Jerusalem to Thomas Kell.
JLG	I	161	Thomas Kell sold the same tract to George Garrettsen in 1789

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INVENTORY NO. 426

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8/19/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Barnett-Kell HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1801 Old Joppa RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthNAME OF OWNER: Ralph BarnettADDRESS: 1801 Old Joppa RdJoppa 21085STORIES: 1[ ] 2[☒] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 ~~section~~ 3 stories 6 X 2 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]2 ~~section~~ 2 stories

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

New ☒ FRAME: Bevel, front clapboard, weatherboard, back wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
☐ BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
 Old ☒ STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
☐ LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE \_\_\_\_\_

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK \_\_\_\_\_


 WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[☒] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
 pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
 original[ ] replaced[☒] stone lintles

 ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: S. in ~~new~~ section  
 HARDWARE: original [ ] replaced[ ]  
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
3 lights 5 lights

 CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
 original[ ] replaced[ ]

 ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
 MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

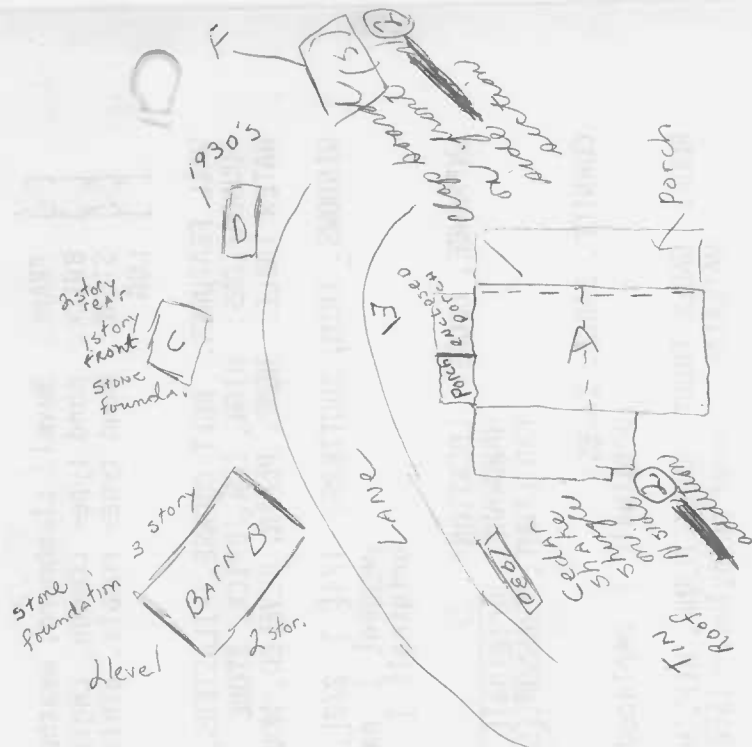
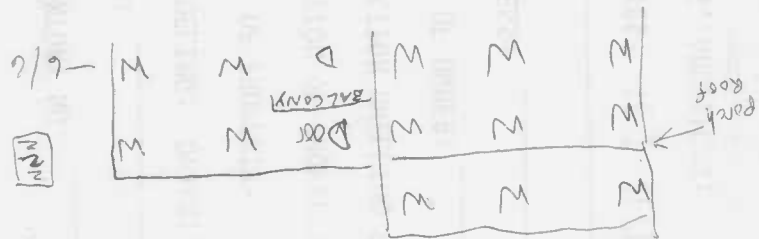
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

 CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[☒] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
 LOCATION: 2 in ~~new~~ section interior gable ends fin new 

ARCHES:

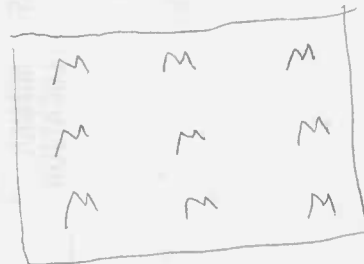
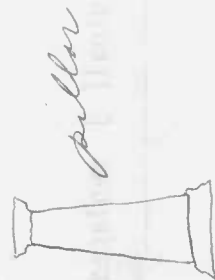
 COMMENTS: 1st floor front stuccoed on either side  
east side un stuccoed 2 small windows above of chimney  
on both east & west sides

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E. old servant's quarters ruins

F. Springhouse  
tin roof  
stuccoed stone  
subterranean don.





INVENTORY NO. 426

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8/19/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: 1 Barnett Kell HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old Upper RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: southNAME OF OWNER: Ralph BarnettADDRESS: 1801 Old Upper Rd.STORIES: 1[ ] 2[✓] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 3 x 2 ? main <sup>2x2 attic window</sup>WINGS, ADDITIONS: 3 x 3 wing <sup>on side of chimney</sup>  
2 story clapboard addition - west end  
shed - wood shingle addition on north side ~~end~~

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
 [✓] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
 [ ] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 [ ] LOG <sup>uncertain</sup> <sup>stone blocks</sup>

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE <sup>part of end - stone on shed wing</sup>

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[✓] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
 pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
 original[ ] replaced[ ] <sup>2 sets of - 1 on basement on side of addition 2nd floor</sup>  
<sup>person has 5-6 transoms 9-12 transoms</sup>ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: <sup>2 on south side of add. one over other - right one has balcony</sup>  
 HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ] <sup>1 on east side of wing 1 on N. side of rear, east of of</sup>  
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ] <sup>partially enclosed shed, structure a low change of ground, approx 5-6 ft shed porch on outer south side square columns</sup>CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[✓] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]LOCATION: 2 flues on N. west side of old house  
one in chimney on addition

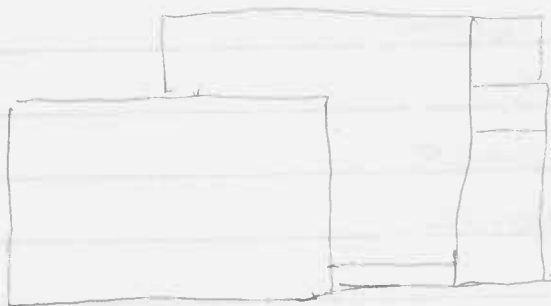
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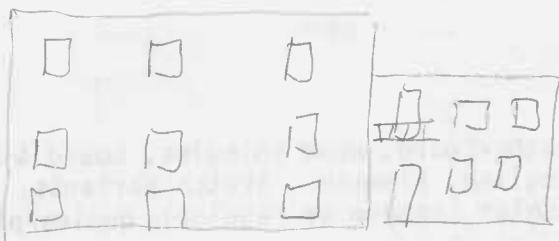
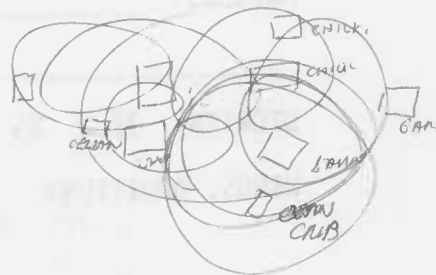
original door on addition porch was partially <sup>2x6</sup> <sup>on side</sup> <sup>on side</sup>

new addition sent into ground in rear - 2 stories  
sub-lava

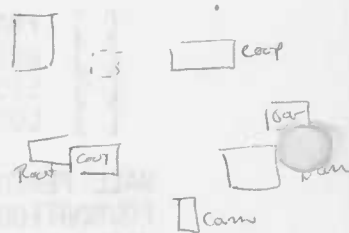
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partially enclosed  
pen



spring



new construction  
old fireplace in rear of house

shed oriented N-S  
stone wall above thick 4x2 - sent into ground  
door on north end  
6x6 window gable - plank roof  
also on extension on end

spring from  
stone, faces N  
tin roof gable front  
above cellar 1st floor  
N. side  
small shed  
pen  
N. side

low

points NW - vertical slot siding  
stone base  
gable - plank roof  
sand with coal from  
mid. cupola

plaster interior frame  
lay supports  
hand cut beams  
caved out  
cupola on top

shed  
same type  
of construction  
gallies front  
with shed  
add. faces  
NW

stone base  
cupola  
stone cellar  
in rear





Barnett-Kell House HA-426

Joppa, MD

South

Paul Penrod

8/76



Barnett-Kell Barn HA-426  
Joppa, MD  
North  
Paul Penrod

8/76